

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the Brief Description of the Drawings, on page 5, after line 22, add the following:

Figure 5 is a side view of the head of Figure 2.

On page 7, line 1, amend the first paragraph as follows:

Referring now to [[**Figure 2**]] **Figures 2 and 5**, a first embodiment of a slider **41** having a generally rectangular base with a top air bearing side **43** is shown. Air bearing side **43** of slider **41** comprises a patterned set of elements, such as air bearing surface (ABS) pads **45** and one irregularly-shaped pocket surface **47** recessed from ABS pads **45**. The size, shape, and pattern of ABS pads **45** are merely representative of those available. For reference purposes, a longitudinal direction is defined vertically from top to bottom, and a lateral direction is defined horizontally from side to side (left and right). Pocket **47** is manufactured using standard etching techniques such as reactive ion etching (RIE) and ion milling (IM), for example. Common etch depths range from about 0.1 to 5 microns. The top surface of the ABS pads **45** are also known as air bearing surfaces (ABS). In the embodiment shown, slider **41** has three protruding ABS pads **45** and one continuous but very irregular pocket **47** (approximately 1.50 microns recessed from ABS pads **45**) that extends to portions of the leading edge **49**, lateral edges **51**, **53**, and trailing edge **55**. Lateral edges **51**, **53** also represent the inner and outer radial directions, respectively, of disk **15**. The trailing edge **55** of slider **41** is located along the rear edge of pocket **47**.